

Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 2152

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Inventorship ..... Gupta et al.  
Group Art Unit ..... 2152  
Examiner ..... Prieto, B.  
Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-388US  
Title: Facilitating Annotation Creation and Notification Via Electronic Mail

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE**  
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To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
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The following enumerated items accompany this transmittal letter and are being submitted for the matter identified in the above caption.

1. Transmittal letter including Certificate of Facsimile
2. Response to Final Office Action Dated January 17, 2001

Large Entity Status ☒ Small Entity Status ☐

*Applicant hereby requests an extension of time in any case such an extension is necessary. The fee should be charged to the Deposit Account indicated below.*

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-0769 in connection with any patent application filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16, and any processing fees, including any necessary extension fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 17, 2001**

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**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-6, 8-25, 27-33, and 35-39 were previously pending.

Claims 8, 31, and 39 are amended.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1), please replace the current versions of  
claims 8, 31, and 39 with the following clean copies of claims 8, 31, and 39 :

8. (Twice Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further  
comprising including, in the electronic mail message, an indication of one of a